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Presidents Message

**Thomas G. Dahlgren,
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Hello everyone. Summer has arrived and many of us are planning family time around our busy work schedules. Although we are not meeting for lunch over the next

two months, I hope to see everyone at the August 7th LAAPL Mickelson Golf Classic in Malibu; on August 13th for the Oil, Gas, and Mineral Land Law Conference in Newport Beach. Also, do not forget to get your reservations in early for the October 7-9th West Coast Land Institute in Santa Barbara.

In planning for the up-coming year, the one thing which sticks out as critical to our industry is the State and Federal belief that taxing the oil industry will save the environment and then fund government spending. Because we are the political tar ball everyone wants to kick around, I want to use the LAAPL as a source of information for all its members. We hope to pass the latest news on proposed taxes, fees, and bills to our membership.

As the land manager at Warren Resources, I am constantly being asked for the up-to-the-minute news on the State Budget, proposed severance tax, HR 2454, etc. We started today, trying to read through the 1,000 + pages of HR 2454. It is unbelievable! Since we are tasked to be informed on legislative issues, it is important as a professional organization to stay on top of critical news from AAPL, CIPA, WSPA, and other sources; and to provide that information, ideas, and strategies at our



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When we start our next meeting in September, I challenge all of you to contact a fellow land professional with one of the numerous companies not represented at our monthly meetings and drag him or her along to enjoy the food and friendship.

I wish everyone a great summer and hope everyone does at least one event they will treasure forever. And "All ya'll" remember that everyone comes to So Cal for vacation. We are already here! Best Wishes!

You is singular; Ya'll is singular Family; All Ya'll is plural everybody.

Tom Dahlgren, President

LAAPL 2009-2010

SPECIAL EVENT

LAAPL's 5th Annual Mickelson Golf Classic

Mark down Friday, August 7, 2009, as the LAAPL's Charity Golf Tournament, commonly known as the Mickelson Golf Classic.

Joel Miller, Senior Energy Asset Analyst, Transamerica Minerals Company has "stepped" in to chair the event for 2009. He will carry forward the goals of Edgar Salazar, Land Manager, PXP Plains Exploration, to raise a large "pile of money" for the benefit of the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp. Once again the venue is at the premier Malibu Country Club serving as the background for the event.

The 2009 Mickelson Golf Classic will be looking for sponsors to help raise the funds to cover costs, door prizes and above all, monies for the R. M. Pyles Boys Camp.



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SPECIAL EVENT

Oil, Gas and Mineral Land Law Seminar

A practical one-day program for professional engineers, attorneys, title insurance agents, surveyors, geoscientists, and petroleum landmen where you'll:

- Learn about ownership of mineral rights
- Review rights under oil and gas leases
- Examine exploration agreements, options, and joint operating agreements
- Study environmental liability and site remediation issues

When: Thursday, August 13, 2009

Location: Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa
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Seminar Agenda

Ownership of Oil and Gas Rights

Jack Quirk, Esq. of Bright and Brown

Under California Law

- The nature of oil and gas rights
- Severance—the so-called "surface" interest
- Issues of mineral co-tenancy
- Accommodation between concurrent interests
- "Collateral" regulators of oil and gas rights

Understanding Rights Under Oil and Gas Leases

William Winfield, Esq. Partner with Nordman Cormany Hair & Compton, LLP

- Use of the California oil and gas lien statute to get payment for well services
- Treatment of oil and gas interests in bankruptcy

Examining Exploration Agreements, Options and Joint Ventures

John Harris, Esq., Principal with Meyers Nave

- Reviewing exploration agreements
- Using options to lease or purchase
- Understanding joint operating agreements, farm-in/farm-out agreements, marketing agreements and related contracts

Oil and Gas Environmental Liability and Site Remediation

David A. Ossentjuk, Esq., Partner with Musick, Peeler & Garrett

- Recent developments in environmental liability
- Handling environmental issues in oil and gas transactions
- Well plugging and abandonment
- Site remediation



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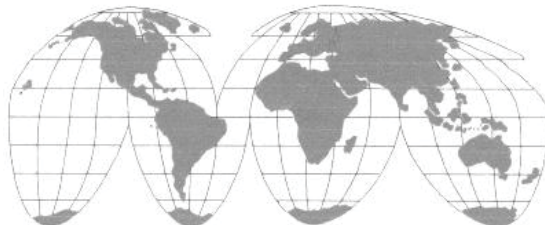
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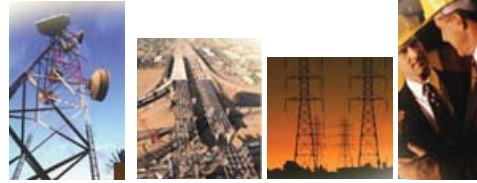


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Wednesday, October 7th
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Wednesday Night
Welcome Dinner at the Hotel Mar Monte

Thursday, October 8th
Breakfast, Lunch & Conference at the Hotel

Thursday Night
Roof-top Clambake at the Canary Hotel

Friday, October 9th
Breakfast & Conference at the Hotel

Speaker Topics

- **Using Temporary Restraining Orders in Your Seismic Shoot**
- **Overview of Drilling Activity in the West**
- **Renewables – The Roll of the Landman**
- **Voluntary Pooling - Benefits & Pitfalls**
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